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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: JAPANESE DEMARCHE ON U.S./EUROPEAN DECLARATIONS

1. FONOFF SOURCES HAVE INFORMED US THAT JAPANESE AMBASSA-
DOR SONO CALLED JAN 28 ON POL DIRECTOR VAN WELL, THE EC
POLITICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT, TO INQUIRE FURTHER CON-
CERNING EC-9 POSITION ON DECLARATION EXERCISE. SPEAKING
FROM INSTRUCTIONS, SONO REPORTEDLY REITERATED TOKYO'S
PREFERENCE FOR TRILATERAL U.S./EC/JAPAN DECLARATION BUT
ADDED THAT JAPANESE WOULD WISH TO EXAMINE MORE PRECISELY
EUROPEAN CONCEPTION OF POSSIBLE EC/JAPAN BILATERAL
DECLARATION AND COOPERATION. OUR SOURCES SAY SONO
EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH A BILATERAL EC/JAPAN DECLARATION
AND COOPERATION, IF DEVELOPED, SHOULD SUPPLEMENT RATHER
THAN REPLACE TRILATERAL APPROACH. IN THIS CONNECTION,
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SONO REFERRED TO JAPANESE WORKING PAPER PRESENTED TO
U.S. - NOT AS POSSIBLE DRAFT EC/JAPAN DECLARATION - BUT
AS PROVIDING POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF A FUTURE EC/JAPAN
DRAFT.

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2. OUR SOURCES SAY VAN WELL UNDERTOOK TO REPORT THE JAPANESE DEMARCHE TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL DISCUSS EC/JAPAN ISSUES AT FEB 6-7 MEETING. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TOLD VAN WELL THAT JAPAN FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD INFORM AMEMBASSY TOKYO OF DEMARCHE.

3. OUR SOURCES COMMENTED THAT THEY INTERPRET THIS LATEST DEMARCHE AS JAPANESE EFFORT TO KEEP ALL THEIR OPTIONS OPEN, BY ASSERTING PREFERENCE FOR TRILATERAL DECLARATION WHILE REITERATING HOGEN.S EARLIER STATED EXPRESSION OF TOKYO'S DESIRE FOR MORE INTENSIVE (THOUGH STILL UNDE-FINED) COOPERATION WITH EC. AS SONO'S DEMARCHE OCCURRED ON SAME DAY AS MEETING IN BONN OF EC ASIAN WORKING GROUP MEETING (SEPTEL), THE EC ASIA EXPERTS DEFERRED DISCUSSION OF RELATIONS WITH JAPAN TO POLITICAL COMMITTEE SESSION.

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